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Attn: Raymond Basso, Strategic Intergration Coordinator
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Re: Request for Information Pursuant to Section 104
of CERCLA for **Cornell-Dubilier Electronics, Inc.**,
Site in Middlesex County, New Jersey

Dear Sir/Madam:

I have received this day similar letters from your agency addressed to me as the past registered agent for the following corporations which have been defunct for many years. They are as follows.

1. Bevlee Furniture; This corporation went bankrupt so many years ago I do not recall any specific date. The principals were Irving S. Shames, my brother, and Philip Miller. These persons are now both deceased. My brother died August 24, 1997. Philip Miller predeceased my brother by a few years as I recollect.

2. Select Furniture Delivery; This corporation rose from the ashes of Bevlee Furniture which went bankrupt, and was operated by my brother, Irving S. Shames, as the sole principal. Again this company became defunct and ceased to operate. I have no clear recollection of any dates at this time. However, my brother, Irving S. Shames, continued to work as a manager of three different New York retail furniture firms over a period of years until his stroke in December 1995. It seems to me that he worked several years at each of the three different furniture stores so Select Furniture most likely ceased operations over twenty years ago.

I personally do not have any information about Cornell-Dubilier Electronics, Inc., or its operations, and/or its principals.

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The companies that my brother was operating at the warehouse location in South Plainfield New Jersey did not deal in or use chemicals. Each of said companies warehoused and shipped furniture of all sorts used by families in their homes. There was nothing to my knowledge that was used in his business that could contaminate the location and/or environment. The trucks used for deliveries were maintained in the manner common to the use of vehicles; they were parked at the rear of the building at night and on weekends and the trucks were refueled and serviced at a station in the area.

I hope that the above information is helpful to your investigation.

Thank you for your courtesies.

Very truly yours,

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